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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 17, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Acquisition
Keweenaw Trail – Houghton County
Land Transaction Case #20150013 - The Evans Tract

Purchase: 0.30 acre - \$32,232.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Act 283 of 2012, State Trails Initiative.

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$29.43
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 0.30 excluded acres.

Description: Houghton County, Osceola Township, T55N, R33W, Section 33:
as more completely described in the case file.

Seller: Christine Evans and Anna Miettinen, Lake Linden, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) September 1, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 8, 2015.

Management Purpose: The land will be managed as part of the Keweenaw Trail.

Comments: The offered parcel, sandwiched between M-26 and the former Copper Range Railroad (a.k.a. the Keweenaw Trail), will allow the Department to construct a snowmobile staging area and resolve a long standing trespass on the Keweenaw Trail in the Village of Dollar Bay.

The property contains a mobile home and a number of small outbuildings that will all be removed prior to the Department taking ownership. The site will be managed in partnership with local trail groups.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to achieving Department and Division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities.

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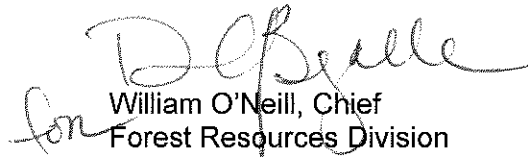
Engagement: The Village of Dollar Bay staff has been contacted about the transaction and support the acquisition proposal. On a larger scale, Department staff is participating along with National Park Service, Keweenaw National Historic Park Advisory Commission, and Michigan Department of Transportation staff in the initial discussions to create a Copper Heritage Trail on the order of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail in Marquette County. The Keweenaw Trail is one of the corridors included in the discussions.

Recommendation: (1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Trails Initiative, as contained in Act 283 of 2012.

(2) That the land be dedicated as part of the Keweenaw Trail and administered by Parks and Recreation Division.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



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Fisheries Division



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Parks and Recreation Division



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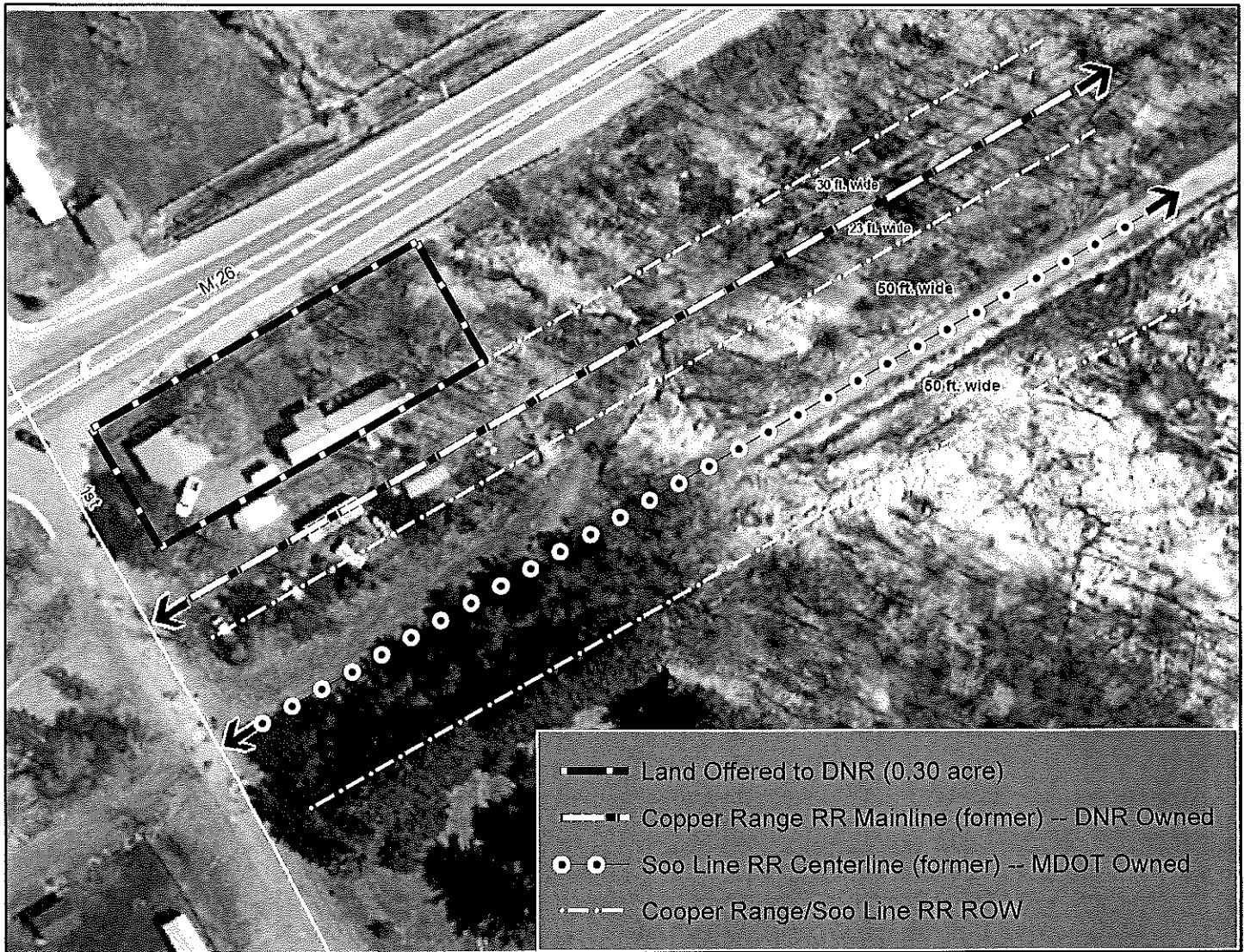
Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

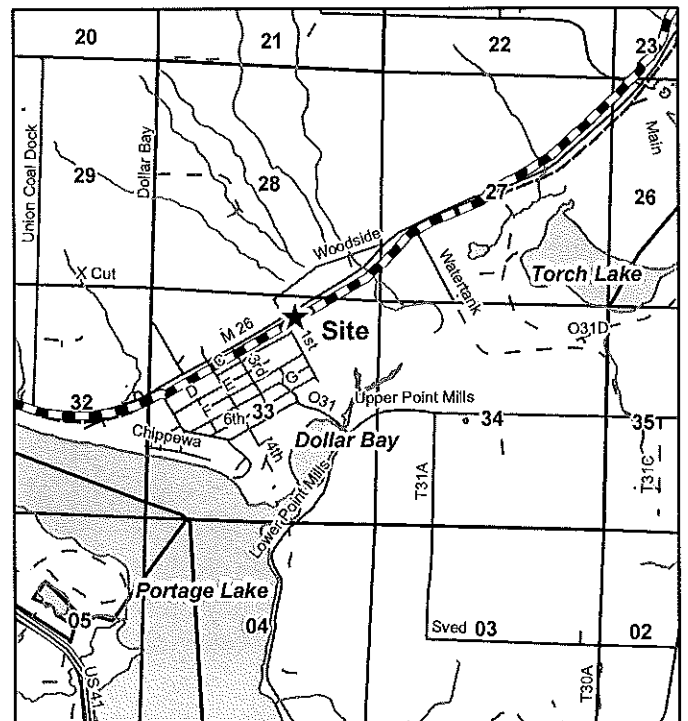
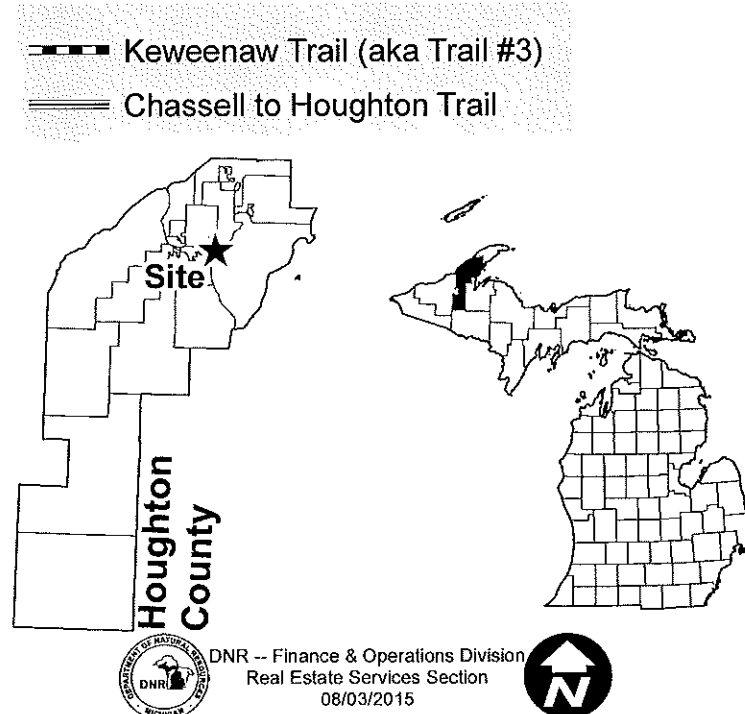
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

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Section 33, T55N, R33W



Regional Location